

B<sup>2</sup>  
cont

consisting of polyacrylamides, polyvinyl alcohols, ethylene maleic anhydride copolymer, polyvinylethers, polyacrylic acids, polyvinylpyrrolidones, polyvinylmorpholines, carboxymethyl celluloses, carboxymethyl [starches] starches, hydroxypropyl celluloses, algin, alginates, carrageenans, acrylic grafted [starches] starches, acrylic grafted celluloses, polyaspartic acid, polyglutamic acid, and copolymers [thereof] comprising at least two of the preceding polymers.

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Claim 33. (Twice Amended) A disposable absorbent product comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a backsheet attached to the topsheet, and an absorbent structure positioned between the topsheet and the backsheet wherein the absorbent structure comprises an absorbent composition comprising:

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- a) an acidic water-swellaable, water-insoluble polymer having a pK<sub>a</sub> between about 2 and about 12 wherein the acidic water-swellaable, water-insoluble polymer comprises acidic functional groups and has at least about 50 molar percent of the acidic functional groups in free acid form; and
  - b) a basic material;

wherein the absorbent composition exhibits a Free Swell value that is at least about 15 grams per gram of absorbent composition and a Time to Reach 60 Percent of Free Swell Capacity value of at least about 5 minutes and wherein the absorbent composition is not a molecular level dispersion of the acidic water-swellaable, water-insoluble polymer and the basic material.

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#### Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4-16 and 33 are presented for Examiner Reddick's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.